

1-1 By: Ellis S.B. No. 216
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed November 17, 2010; January 31, 2011,
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on State Affairs;
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1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; April 6, 2011,
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1-7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 216 By: Ellis

1-8 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-9 AN ACT

1-10 relating to procedures related to the placement of a voter on the
1-11 suspense list.

1-12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-13 SECTION 1. Section 14.022, Election Code, is amended to
1-14 read as follows:

1-15 Sec. 14.022. ERRONEOUS RETURN OF RENEWAL CERTIFICATE.

1-16 (a) A voter registrar shall determine whether [If the registrar
1-17 determines that] a voter's renewal certificate was returned
1-18 undelivered solely because of postal service error, address
1-19 reclassification, or the registrar's clerical error. If the
1-20 registrar determines that the certificate was returned solely
1-21 because of that error or reclassification, the registrar shall
1-22 delete the voter's name from the suspense list, make any other
1-23 appropriate corrections in the registration records, and deliver
1-24 the certificate to the voter.

1-25 (b) The secretary of state shall adopt rules for the
1-26 determination under this section of whether a voter's renewal
1-27 certificate was returned undelivered solely because of postal
1-28 service error, address reclassification, or the registrar's
1-29 clerical error.

1-30 SECTION 2. Section 63.0011, Election Code, is amended by
1-31 adding Subsection (f) to read as follows:

1-32 (f) The secretary of state shall adopt rules to provide for
1-33 the uniform and auditable processing of a statement of residence
1-34 required under this section.

1-35 SECTION 3. The change in law made by this Act to Section
1-36 14.022, Election Code, applies only to a voter registration renewal
1-37 certificate returned undelivered and received by a voter registrar
1-38 on or after the effective date of this Act. A voter registration
1-39 renewal certificate returned undelivered and received by a voter
1-40 registrar before the effective date of this Act is governed by the
1-41 law in effect when the registrar received the undelivered
1-42 certificate, and the former law is continued in effect for that
1-43 purpose.

1-44 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.

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